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Until next year
The Haliburton County Huskies played hard for their last game of the first round of playoffs against the Cobourg Cougars. The round was best of seven games, with the Huskies winning one and losing four. Their season has come to a close. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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Spring symphony

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The relative quiet of the winter slowly changes into the sounds of serenading in the spring as our lake edges thaw and creeks and rivers start to flow. As early as mid March, you may hear a repetitive "peep", sounding like a phone alarm with no snooze button or a duck-like "quack" or fingernails running over the teeth of a comb. Welcome to the amorous spring frog calls of Haliburton County frogs!

A big contributor to the spring frog symphony is the small, but mighty, spring peeper. Weighing in at about four grams and fitting on a loonie, the chorus calls of these tiny frogs can reach such a high-pitched crescendo that it makes conversation difficult. Recorded at over 100 decibels, the peeper turns up the volume by inflating a ballon-like sac which amplifies the sound of the air as it is forced over their vocal cords.

A Wood Frog finds shelter in moss. /Photo by Paul Heaven

With a brown to tan body, tiny toe pads and a dark cross on its back, the spring peeper is difficult to spot but easy to hear. Preferring habitats like marshes and swamps, the peeper is wary and will go silent upon your approach. Wait patiently and stay still and the calls will start up again, filling the air with sound.

If lucky, nature's symphony may include the infusion of the duck-like quack of the wood frog. Emerging from its semi-frozen state like a four-legged zombie, the wood frog survives freezing winter temperatures by increasing the amount of glucose in their blood, a natural anti-freeze which protects their cells from rupturing. This adaptation allows the wood frog to claim the title as the most widely distributed amphibian in Canada, being found as far north as the Arctic tundra.

Returning to the forest pools and marshes where they were born, the mating competition of wood frogs can be fierce. A quacking frenzy is the prelude to a cluster of male suitors seeking out a lone female. Clusters of 2,000 eggs can be found attached to submerged vegetation in small, fishless ponds.

Wood frogs are the most terrestrial of Ontario's frogs, primarily foraging in forests. Measuring four to seven centimeters long, the wood frog is brown with a white line under its jaw and a distinctive black face mask making it easy to identify.

Less common, the chorus frog is a thumb-sized frog designated as a threatened species under the federal Species at Risk Act. They prefer to breed in small forest wetlands called vernal pools. A unique wetland habitat, vernal pools form when spring snow melt and rainfall flows into natural forest depressions. These pools are not linked up to creeks, streams or any other wetlands so without inflow, vernal pools are temporary wetlands that dry up by late summer.

Animals' who depend on this seasonal wetland are adapted to both aquatic and terrestrial habitats at different life stages. They also benefit from the dry phase as predators like fish cannot survive in vernal pools thus reducing the threat of egg and larval predation. However, the chorus frog is in a race against time, needing to quickly complete their metamorphosis from egg to adult. Like the countdown in a James Bond movie, the tadpoles need enough aquatic time to develop legs so they can travel on land before their breeding pool dries up. A hot, dry spring can spell disaster for this tiny frog!

This preference for breeding in shallow forest pools factors into their population decline. These types of wet landscapes are seen as unproductive and are more likely to be drained and developed for agriculture or urban expansion. Habitat fragmentation and road mortality are other factors in the chorus frog's threatened status.

Slightly bigger than a spring peeper with a light brown to greenish body and three dark, broken lines on their back, the chorus frog's call has been compared to the sound of running your fingernail along the teeth of a comb, adding yet another musical section to the early spring frog symphony.

A Spring Peeper hangs out on pavement after rain. /Photo by Ed Poropat

Chorus frogs freed in small forest wetlands called vernal pools. /Photo by Ed Poropat

As the spring progresses, more frogs, birds and insects will contribute to the sounds of nature, an awakening, a migration and a vocal celebration of warmer temperatures, increasing daylight and the breeding season. May nature's calls lighten your mood and put a spring in your step.

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Andrea McKenzie, owner of AM/PM Outdoor Gourmet and Angelo Bortolazzo, who donated $2,780 to Wilberforce Elementary School's food program with his partner Brandi Loverock, barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs for the kids.

Cooking for a cause

Above, Wilberforce Elementary School staff and students are pictured after a free barbecue put on by Benoir Lake residents Angelo Bortolazzo, Brandi Loverock and Andrea McKenzie, owner of AM/PM Outdoor Gourmet. Bortolazzo and Loverock donated $2,780 to the school's food program.

Left, Brandi Loverock, who donated $2,780 to Wilberforce Elementary School's food program with partner Angelo Bortolazzo, handing out burgers and hot dogs. /MIKE RILEY, Local Journalism Initiatve Reporter

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Writing on the Senior Side

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Telling stories about past experiences is always enjoyable. Hearing the stories of others even more so. And, of course, writing those stories is one of my passions. When I write my stories, I try to tell them "like it was" but I can only replay what happened through my unique memory lens, and that is affected by my interpretation and imagination. Many of the truths we cling to have our own perspective. I realized this when one of my children read one of my stories and remembered it differently. He also added details I had forgotten. This is the beauty of sharing; of reminiscing with others. It certainly is not only a senior side phenomenon. We enjoy reminiscing throughout our lives.

The ladies are sitting around and laughter and talk abound. Someone says, "How did you meet your husband?" The sharing begins as one by one we go around the room. The stories are sometimes strange, beautiful and all sorts of humorous. This is one of my favourites:

"I was in my twenties and camping and partying with a group at a provincial park. It was pouring rain, but this was not a problem as my friends and I had a trailer. The rain refused to let up so we let a couple of the guys sleep on our floor. I didn't even know one of them. When I woke up in the morning, I stepped over this guy who was still passed out on the floor. I said to my friend, "Ugh, imagining waking up to that every morning!"

Yes, you guessed it. The guy on the floor became her husband. Share your memories anytime. Share your memories at any age. And yes, it is especially important for seniors. David Merrill, M.D., a geriatric psychiatrist and director of Pacific Neuroscience Institute's Pacific Brain Health Center in Santa Monica, California is one of the many experts to call this "reminiscence therapy". He states that it is when somebody intentionally recalls shared memories or thinks about memories of people that they cared about or loved, it can help give them a sense of meaning and purpose. There is also good evidence that it can have a positive effect on your brain.

According to caringseniorservice.com the benefits of reminiscing are considerable:

1. Preserves Family History - Often, family members know close to nothing about the lives of their elderly loved ones. People tend to forget that the seniors in their families used to live young, full lives. Seniors who recount past experiences can pass on valuable memories to future generations.

2. Helps Improve Quality of Life - Seniors who reminisce may also show improved outlooks on life. After remembering happy memories, seniors are often brighter and smile more. Engaging in animated conversation with others helps seniors maintain balance in their lives.

3. Reduces Symptoms of Depression - When seniors are busy sharing their accomplishments, it distracts them from worrying.

4. Promotes Physical Health - Something as simple as recalling past experiences can also improve one's body. Seniors who reminisced showed lowered blood pressure and heart rates.

5. Works Through Unresolved Conflicts - Looking back on old conflicts in their lives can help seniors find closure. After reviewing past experiences with a more mature understanding, many people can move forward to live in a more healthy present.

6. Eliminates Boredom - Talking about the past can offer relief, especially for seniors who are less mobile or live in a nursing home. It can also take them out of their current situation and help them relive more active days

7. Improves Communication Skills - When seniors talk about their past, their memory ignites and emotion is likely involved, too. Research shows that as seniors remember the past, new pathways form in the brain that help with communication.

8. Reduces Stress - When seniors share their past with someone, it can reduce their stress levels. One reason is that it allows them to resolve issues from their past they may not have dealt with before. Another reason is that it allows seniors to deal with negative emotions they may not know how to deal with otherwise.

9. Enhances Self-Esteem - Reminiscing helps seniors cope with growing older as they recreate their life's meaning by being connected to the past. It also helps reaffirm their feelings of being important. Plus, sharing the past helps seniors reflect on their achievements and appreciate what they have done. Reminiscing also helps seniors feel heard, which increases self-esteem.

Let's go back to Dr. Merril for one more fun idea. He suggests that we make reminiscing part of our daily routine. "I think it would be good to have a daily practice of reminiscence. You might want to fold that in with a gratitude practice," Well, I have already committed to singing and dancing daily. Adding reminiscing is easily doable for me. How about you? Perhaps a little reminiscing can be part of each day's routine. Remembering the good times in your life can be a whole lot of fun. So go ahead, let the reminiscing begin!

Oh, did you think I was done? No, I think another reminiscence may be required. Teenagers love their bedrooms. "My room, my mess" comes to mind with at least one of my kids but our bedrooms were so much more.

In my tiny bedroom, Bobby Vinton sings *Blue Velvet* on my record player. The 1940s dressing table has a sit-down dip facing a large mirror surrounded by quotes and sayings from teen magazines. No movie stars. The little desk started unfinished, cheaper to purchase that way and has been lovingly stained and shellacked by Mom. The old chrome stool has been given a new upholstered white vinyl seat and now serves both the dressing table and the desk (I was eleven years old when I sat at that desk to write my first novel. It was about a girl away at a boarding school. I only knew about boarding schools from the books I had read). A white, knitted looped bedspread welcomes me to my single bed and a friend can cozy up in the corner chair unless it is piled high with my clothes. The curtains my mom made are seldom used as Venetian blinds ensure privacy. There is talk of a peeping Tom. Light blue walls, hardwood floors, a white scatter rug, a bedside table and an essential reading lamp complete my perfectly planned private space.

OK, perhaps you are ready to reminisce about a special place or a special time in your life. Enjoy.

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Dancing with myself

DEBORAH J REED
Special to *County Life*

Today was disappointing. I wrecked my WORDLE streak. It had been in the hundreds. Now it's at zero, and I have to start all over again.

I clearly have time on my hands. My privilege of retirement is time. And I usually get to choose how I fill it.

I like to arrange small challenges for myself. Achievement still feels good. Gives me purpose. This way, there's always something friendly waiting on a back burner. Something I created. And being creative means I'm rarely lonely.

Being alone with time is crucial. It cheers me up that many of my friends feel the same. Nobody considers it weird. Escaping the madding crowd to reboot feels obligatory. I don't love sensory overload. I like caves. Not a kingfisher's riverbank hollow, but a raven scouting treetops for some quiet. I'm a wallflower, either watching, or wrapped in chat with just one other. Single focus at a time. Shared words can be the highlight of my day. Good talk adds the colours I crave. But if nothing comes, I'm still ok.

Introverts make up about half the population. I recognize them. There's a softer frequency among us, as if harps or cotton blankets or lavender are manifesting. We usually have a self-deprecating sense of humour. Not all of us are on the same wavelength, however. Yet most of us seem calmer. I like calm. A lot.

Labels are kind of inevitable. They turn us all into experts at confirming our own speculations. At categorizing our anxieties. At naming where we fit ourselves into demographics. We're all armchair and mirror critics. Knowledge is power.

But introverts aren't always introspective. And it's nice to note they aren't the only lovers of peace and quiet. Maybe their pilot-lights burn cooler. Maybe their social appetites are more subtle. Maybe generalizations are generally a bad idea.

Loads of extroverts escape the rat-race to recharge. By demographic definition, their reboot comes more from other people than an introvert's classic withdrawal. Claiming alone time is our privilege. And for many of us, it's more than privilege. It's vital to survival.

Also through observation, I note how people operate with or without each other. There's lots of new normal. Living consciously alone. Or in some form of relationship. Happy couples can thrive apart. Or together, and sleep apart. They can vacation both separately and together, keep independent friends, routines, closets, credit cards, and bank accounts. They'll support different charities or politics, and use leisure time for polar opposite pursuits. Opposites might attract. Or not.

To carve out personal space and identity are done deals for most of us. Heart-rate slows, attitude resets, imagination wakes up, memories refresh, wisdom expands, and achievement might just happen. Confidence and self-awareness are the 'happy accidents'. Better health on every level. Perspective that demands hope and humour.

The radio's playing my song. Gotta groove. Hips don't lie. Nobody's watching. It's my moment. Where's the mirror? Where's my camera? Curses on WORDLE. New one tomorrow. Yay me!

Top 10 reasons to fake an accent

I WAS LISTENING to something online the other day, when it occurred to me that the person speaking was obviously faking an accent. And while he did a poor job at it, I understood his intention. There are times when it is almost appropriate to fake an accent. Here are the top ten reasons, y'all.

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a pair of squirrels, streaking across the trail, seeking shelter from the swelling storm,
as they dart up the trunk of a maple, towards a lopsided nest, that looks like it might topple,
a lone maple leaf, dangling from its lowest branch, Wind, chafing its brittle skin,
as I reach up to pluck it from its branch, the leftover leaf, crumpling in my hand,
as soon as I touch its weathered face, holding only its stem between my fingers,
this skeleton of a leaf, that survived the winter, clinging to its twig, while Wind lashes the bare limbs of its tree,
howling and prowling its way along the trail, battering the spindly spines of birches,
their stripped crowns swaying beneath a swirling Sky, as I scurry along the trail,
watching charcoal clouds swallowing slivers of light, Wind, bashing into me, as I walk against it,
feeling the moment that breeze changes, and knives of ice, slice through Air,
as I stare up at the seagull, struggling to reach Home, like me, the fury of Wind, as it severs a branch from its tree,
the crack, snapping like a broken bone, as the branch fractures, clinging by splinters to its limb,
as winter duels with spring, encroaching on its reign,
as I clomp through mud and puddles of slush, towards the maimed tree,
wondering whether I should put the broken branch out of its misery, or leave it be, to dangle there, in the Air,
'till Wind delivers its final blow, and the branch crumples onto a crust of Snow,
patches of flattened grass seeping through, as I release the leaf skeleton I clutch in my hand,
watching as Wind snatches it and hurls it through Air, as lead-bellied clouds drop bullets of Rain,
stinging my cheeks, as I turn to walk backwards for a few steps, my eyes, lingering on the dangling branch,
still clinging to its limb, as Wind whirls around it, Rain soaking its wound, drenching the rest of its tree,
flooding puddles, that will freeze in a flash, as winter tries to stave off spring,
the earth, slipping and sliding beneath my feet, as Wind lashes my limbs and snatches my Breath,
'till I feel stripped as a leaf skeleton, swirling through Air, wishing I were nestled,
like the pair of squirrels, curled in their lopsided nest, listening to Rain pelt the branches above them,
melting into the bark of their tree, as winter clashes with spring, like Wind bashing a seagull's wings,
flapping their way, sideways, through the storm.

Sylvie Kalenda

2024 Gooderham Music Festival acts announced

Country music star Genevieve Fisher is set to headline this year's Gooderham Music Festival on Saturday July 27, which will also feature local bands Gary and the Rough Ideas and Ragged Company. A new open mic session for local artists will kick off the day to make the most of emerging talent in the area.

Organized by the Gooderham Community Action Group, this free event will take place outdoors at the Robert McCausland Community Centre at the corner of Country Roads 503 and 507 in Gooderham. Further details on vendors and scheduling will be announced closer to the date.

Genevieve Fisher has earned seven female artist of the year nominations at the Country Music Association of Ontario music awards as well as numerous nominations for Single of the Year and Songwriter of the year.

Artists wishing to be considered for the open mic session should send an email to gcac503@gmail.com.

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Local band Ragged Company is ready to rock at the 2024 Gooderham Music Festival. /Submitted

Genevieve Fisher, Canadian country artist, will be playing at the 2024 Gooderham Music Festival. /Submitted

Gary and the Rough Ideas are pictured during Music in the Park in Head Lake Park last year. /Submittedw

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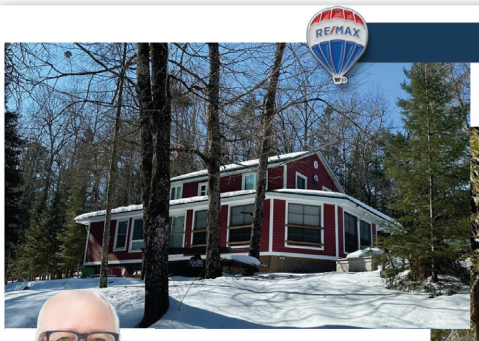

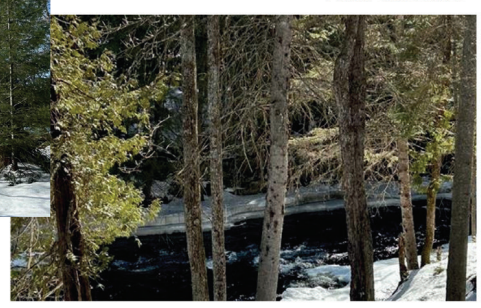

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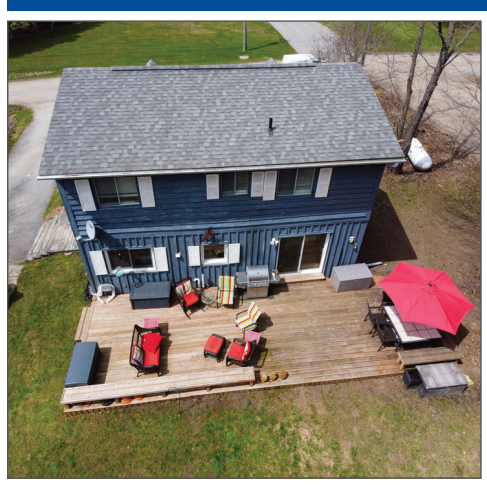

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A Common Grackle enjoys seeds from the feeder. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A pair of Trumpeter Swans swim on the Gull River. /Submitted by Yvonne Friend

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

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A chipmunk munches on a snack. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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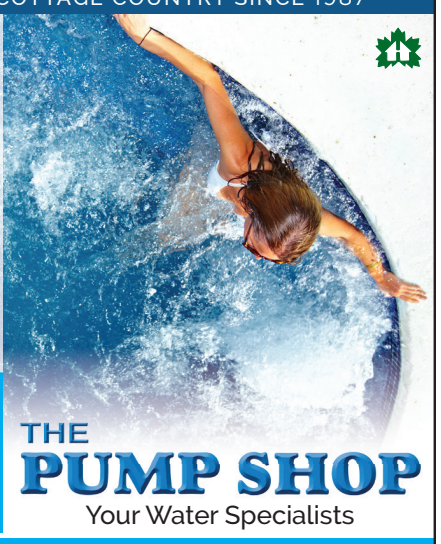

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Medals for Minden drivers

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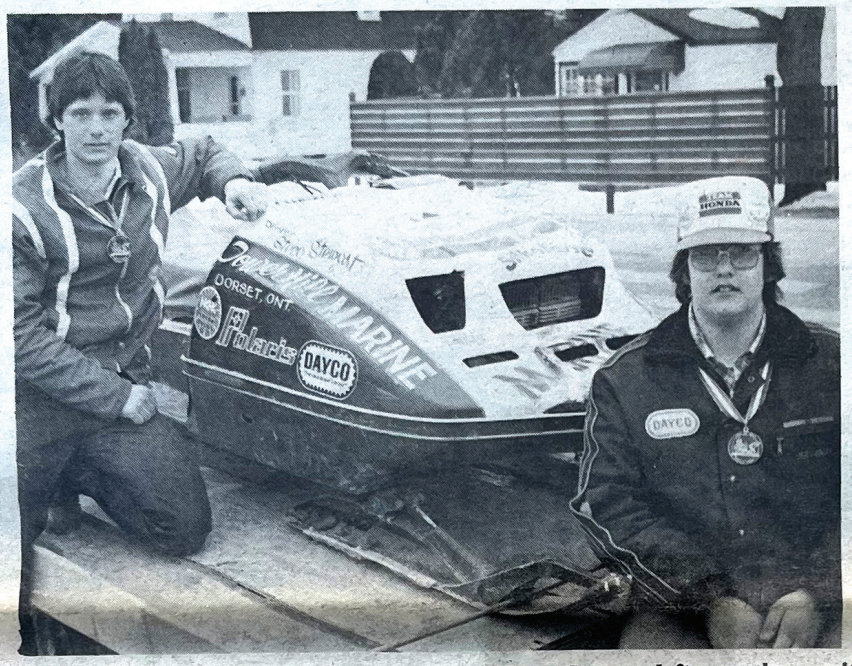
Steven entered three races in the Sno Pro Formula 1 class and raced to a first place finish in classes 4 and 5. He placed third in the class 6 race after being thrown off his machine. He was not injured in the fall and was able to finish the race. Steven was racing a Polaris sponsored by Tower Hill Marine of Dorset and was competing against some of the top drivers on the circuit, most of whom were racing factory sponsored machines.

Tom attended the race as Steven's mechanic but decided on the spur of the moment to enter the Junior Sno Cross competition.

The fifteen year old student had never competed in the World Cup series before but came away with a third place finish on a difficult muddy track that exhausted the drivers and did a lot of damage to their machines.

Steven missed a number of races this past winter due to injuries and conflicts with other races but intends to put in a full season next year on the racing circuit.



Local snowmobile drivers Tom Prentice Jr. and Steve Stewart, left, came home with medals from a competition which included some of the top drivers in the province.

Council favours cutting bylaw

Serious consideration is being given to the enactment of a tree cutting bylaw in the municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden. Members of the municipal council heard a presentation by one of the bylaw's strongest proponent, Elgin Stouffer, February 23. Stouffer is also the Deputy Reeve of Stanhope Township.

Stouffer came to the table wearing a lapel pin on which was enscribed "2034". He explained to the councillors that the pin had been given to him at a conference at which the long-term planning was being emphasized. "That is the outlook we need if we hope to preserve and improve the quality of area forests," Stouffer said.

He pointed out that a one hundred acre woodlot could provide short term jobs for three cutters and truck drivers if the wood is taken for burning. However, the same 100 acres, properly managed, could mean continuous employment for cutters, truckers and a wood processing industry.

Stouffer also noted that areas of hardwood which are clear-cut for firewood rarely regenerate hardwoods. "The less valuable trees are the fastest to grow, so they choke out other trees," he commented.

He said if the county continues to allow clear-cutting for firewood purposes, the potential forestry resource will be gone. He pointed out, "the bylaw protects the existing stands and is a method of suggesting good management of forest stands."

He described the bylaw, as enacted by Dysart et al, as "a mild bylaw, one that does not infringe on the rights of the individual in the management of his bushlot.

The four members of council, Reeve Lyle McKnight was on holiday, appeared to endorse the enactment of the bylaw in the municipality. Councillor Pat Burk said she had seen areas of bush which had been "devastated by firewood cutting. This is something we have to stop," she declared.

Councillor Gary Kenney said the action of a few has followed in the long tradition of the county which saw the resources stripped from the area to be used to create jobs elsewhere.

"We could support six factories, similar to the veneer plant operating in Wilberforce," Stouffer added. "There are a lot of jobs leaving the county with the trucks which are loaded with logs."

Stouffer said he was uncertain if a county-wide tree cutting bylaw could be enacted because of the objections received from some members of county council. He said efforts had been made to convince those in opposition that it was in the county's interest to enact the legislation, however, there were still some representatives who objected.

Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas suggested that if the county was not willing to act, the township should prepare its own bylaw. Stouffer said it was likely his own township would endorse a similar bylaw in the future.

"It appears the idea has our support," Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas commented. He said formal consideration of the matter would be left until Reeve McKnight returns to the council table.

Arena board seeks 1% hike

According to figures presented to the February 23 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal council, the arena management board is seeking a 1% or $500 increase in its municipal allotment for 1984.

According to Dean Elliott, board chairman, and member Fraser Rogers, the budget they presented to the council represented a "no frills attempt to maintain the excellent facility we have."

They told the councillors that the 1983 request from the municipality was $40,000. This year they are asking for $40,500.

The operating budget of the arena facility will increase this year from $89,000 to almost $100,000, with an additional $16,000 earmarked for debenture payment. The different between the municipal grant and total operating budget represents the revenue created through the rent of the building and functions sponsored by the board.

The board members noted they had managed to generate a $2000 surplus during 1983 and requested that this amount be transferred to the plexi-glass fund. There is $2000 in the fund at the moment and some work has been carried out during the past year enclosing the areas around the penalty boxes and timekeeper's area. It is estimated that it would cost $20,000 to enclose the entire ice surface with the nonbreakable plastic.

Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas said he felt there were, what he described as "a few pads", in the proposed budget presented to the councillors. He suggested that if the board realized a surplus at the end of 1984 that a portion of the excess be used to help defray the municipal grant.

Councillor Pat Burk disagreed with the idea. She said the surplus funds should be placed in the plexi-glass or Zamboni replacement reserve fund. The councillor suggested that the committee would be encouraged to spend the entire budget, whether it was warranted or not, if the municipality made it a policy of reclaiming any surpluses.

Fraser Rogers added that the surplus is a result of the hard work of committee members and he felt if they couldn't make use of the money for arena purposes, they would lose their enthusiasm for careful spending.

The presentation by the arena board will be considered by the municipality's budget committee and become part of the overall township budget expected later this spring.

Thanks

Technical gremlins created havoc with our typesetting equipment this week forcing The Times to turn to the Haliburton County Echo for assistance. Our thanks to the staff of the Echo for their help in the production of this week's newspaper.

Emily Skinner, a partner in the Minden gift shop, Sandalwood, was selected as the new manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Both the new manager and the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, Ken Langdon were unavailable for comment earlier this week. Miss Skinner assumes her duties March 1.

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HALIBURTON LAKE
$2,495,000

5 X BED · TURN KEY · SAND BEACH · SOUTHWEST EXPOSURE

MLS# 40548273

KENNISIS LAKE
$1,675,000

4 X BED · 3 X BATH · DEN · MUNICIPAL ROAD

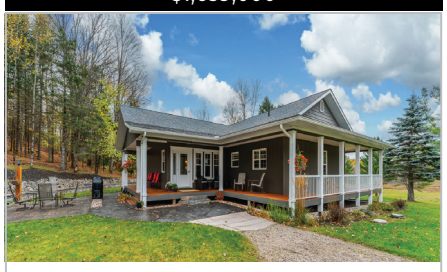
MLS# 40544097

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE
$1,649,000

2.58 ACRES · BOATHOUSE · 3 X BED · 3 X BATH

MLS# 40485914

GELERT ROAD
$1,639,000



3 X BED · 14 ACRES · 3 X BATH · 2500+ SQ.FT

MLS# 40499725

WENONA LAKE
$1,225,000

3 X BED · 3 X BATH · WESTERN EXPOSURE · SAUNA

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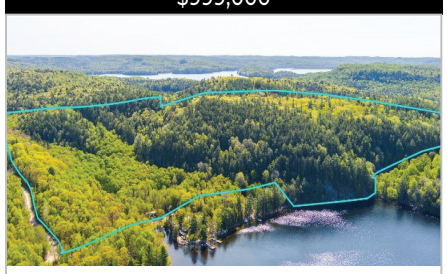
HALIBURTON LAKE
$999,000



169 ACRES · 3 X BED · 2 X BATH · SOUTHWEST EXPOSURE

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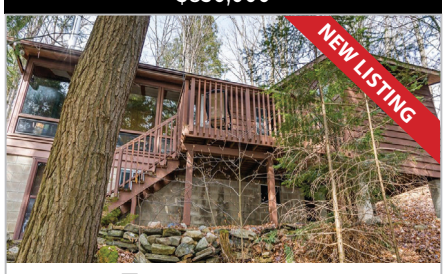
KENNISIS LAKE
$830,000



3 X BED · 2 X BATH · SOUTHERN EXPOSURE · BOATHOUSE

MLS# 40552668

BETHEL ROAD
$195,000

330 FT. FRONTAGE · MUNICIPAL ROAD · 24.65 ACRES

MLS# 40476956

GRACE RIVER ROAD
$185,000

LAKEFRONT · 2.61 ACRES

MLS# 40549856

GRACE RIVER ROAD
$179,000

RIVERFRONT · 1.23 ACRES

MLS# 40549838

LAKEVIEW ST.
$159,900

GREAT LOCATION · MUNICIPAL ROAD · 1.47 ACRES

MLS# 40538935

GULL LAKE
$1,290,000

2 X BED · 2 X BATH · 326 FT. FRONTAGE · 0.92 ACRES

MLS# 40546940

HWY 118
$479,000

MLS# 40543181

MOUNTAIN STREET
$628,000

MLS# 40529487

HALIBURTON LAKE
$875,000

MLS# 40534333

PINE AVENUE
$109,500

MLS# 40542276

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